

Sierra Nevada Conservancy

Action Plan

July 2007 – June 2008

Approved 12-06-07 Board Meeting

2007-08 Actions

Organizational and Staffing Overview

In order to successfully implement the 2007 – 2008 Action Plan, the SNC will use a combination of full time staff, retired annuitants and consultants. We will continue to work collaboratively with a variety of state, federal and local agencies, as well as non-governmental partners in gaining assistance, information and expertise.

The Executive Officer is primarily responsible for overseeing the effective completion of the 2007-2008 Action Plan. The Assistant Executive Officer and Program and Area Managers will have responsibility for coordinating and monitoring implementation of the 2007-2008 Action Plan. All SNC staff will consider the implementation of the action plan as a top priority.

Progress on implementing the Action Plan (and the Strategic Plan) will be regularly reported to the Board and on the SNC website.

The Process

As mentioned above, the SNC will work collaboratively with a wide range of partners in carrying out the actions called for in the 2007-2008 Action Plan. These actions will be completed through the implementation of projects funded by SNC Proposition 84 grants, providing facilitation and coordination support, participating in and sponsoring numerous meetings, conferences, and workshops, and providing technical support. It is also anticipated that outreach efforts in the state's major metropolitan areas will continue to occur in order to assure that these areas recognize the important benefits that accrue from the Region.

Organizational Strategic Goals

Seventeen Action Items were identified in the 2006-2007 Action Plan for completion. Significant progress has been made on most of those items, however completion of some will carry over into the 2007-2008 Action Plan.

Program Goals

The 36 actions called for in the program area of the Strategic Plan do not have specific timelines associated with them. SNC staff has identified a number of those actions that will be completed in 2007-08. These represent actions for which a clear deliverable is identified. Most of the remaining goals are ongoing in nature and will be achieved as part of the implementation of the SNC program, primarily through the awarding of grant funds. The SNC will continue to focus on implementing a single program across all of the issue areas, ensuring over time, equitable distribution of resources programmatically and geographically.

2007-08 Actions

Overarching Actions

1. Successfully award \$17 million in Proposition 84 funds for projects that will contribute to the implementation of the SNC mission and the objectives of Proposition 84. (July 2007 – June 2008)
2. Develop and make available a list of resources, consultants, organizations, etc. with skills, expertise and knowledge to assist communities with projects consistent with SNC Program Goals (June 2008)
3. Identify specific funding sources that may complement the SNC activities in order to achieve Program Goals (April 2007)

Organizational Actions (Continued from 2006-07)

4. Develop, in collaboration with other organizations, environmental, economic and social well being indices to monitor the progress in the various program and geographic areas. The indices will identify the key indicators to be monitored and measured and clearly identify performance standards (June 2008)
5. Determine location of a permanent headquarters location that will meet the SNC's needs and add economic value to the community (June 2008)

Programmatic Actions

6. Identify critical information needs at the Regional and community level to assist in assessing resource protection needs (June 2008)
7. Develop a strategy to work in partnership with other governmental agencies, non-governmental organizations, and other interested parties to identify information, assistance and resources needed to support community projects consistent with the SNC mission (June 2008)
8. Develop a strategy to partner with local governments to identify information, technical assistance and resources that would be of value in local land use decision making (June 2008)
9. Identify and support incentive-based programs that complement and enhance regulatory efforts to achieve environmental protection and sustainability goals. (January 2008)
10. Develop and make available a comprehensive guide to recreational and tourism opportunities in the Sierra, in cooperation with other organizations within the Region (June 2008)
11. Identify incentives to private and public landowners to manage the upper watershed to increase natural water storage and groundwater recharge (April 2008)

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12. In cooperation with local governments, identify strategies to reduce the wildland-urban interface fire risk created by building structures that are within or encroach upon adjacent wildlands. (April 2008)

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